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the mantle and the solid core have a compression ratio, defined as (compression of mantle)/(compression of solid core), of at least 0.98, the compression being the amount of deformation when subjected to a load of 1,275 N from an initial load of 98 N, and

the solid core has a compression of 3.2 to 4.5 mm and has a surface and a center with a difference in JIS-C hardness therebetween, defined as (surface hardness - center hardness), of at least 5, and

the cover is made of a material composed primarily of a thermoplastic resin having a Shore D hardness of 60 to 68.